IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims supercedes all previous versions. Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) A speech recognition apparatus comprising:

a first application configured to output a grammar in a form to be used by a speech recognizer, and to receive a user selection associated with the grammar; and

a voice application platform ~~adapted to receive~~for receiving a speech input and ~~to receive~~ the grammar from the first application, and to output the user selection to the first application, the voice application platform including a processor configured to analyze the grammar prior to receiving the speech input, to identify at least one characteristic of the grammar independent of prior speech input, and to modify the grammar based on the at least one characteristic, and a speech recognizer coupled to the processor and configured to interpret the speech input as a function of the modified grammar, and to produce the user selection, wherein the speech input is not an acceptable response in the grammar received from the first application, but is an acceptable response in the modified grammar.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the at least one characteristic is indicative that the grammar includes a set of terms and that the modified grammar includes at least one additional term not included in the grammar.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the at least one additional term is a synonym of at least one term in the set of terms.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the at least one additional term is associated with a first function that can be performed when the processor produces the modified grammar.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the set of terms is representative of a set of responses expected to be received by the first application and the at least one additional term is a synonym of at least one term in the set of terms.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the set of terms is representative of a set of responses expected to be received by the first application and the at least one additional term is associated with a first function that can be performed when the processor produces the modified grammar, whereby the user selection includes the at least one term in the set of terms.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein the first function is further adapted for substituting the at least one term in the set of terms for the at least one additional term in the user selection.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the set of terms is representative of a set of responses expected to be received by the first application and the at least one additional term is associated with a first function that can be performed when the processor produces the modified grammar, whereby the first function is adapted to modify the user selection to include a term selected from a memory as a function of the speech input received by the voice application platform.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the term selected from a memory is associated with a user of the voice application platform.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the grammar is associated with a first speech recognizer based upon a first speech recognition paradigm and the modified grammar is associated with a second speech recognizer based upon a second speech recognition paradigm which is different from the first speech recognition paradigm.

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a prompt synthesizer adapted for receiving information representative of a prompt, and wherein the grammar includes information representative of a prompt and the processor receives the information representative of a prompt and the processor is configured to produce the modified grammar based on the information representative of a prompt.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a prompt synthesizer adapted for receiving information representative of a prompt, and wherein information representative of a first prompt is received from the first application and the voice application platform is configured to present the first prompt to the user.

18.-34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of providing a user interface comprising:

receiving a first grammar in a form to be used by a speech recognizer from an application, the first grammar including information representative of a first set of responses expected to be received by the application;

analyzing the first grammar to identify a characteristic prior to receiving the first set of responses;

modifying the first grammar as a function of the characteristic to produce a second grammar representative of a second set of responses, wherein at least a portion of the second set of responses are not included in the first set of responses; and

interpreting a user's voice input based on the second grammar.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35 wherein the first set of responses represented by the first grammar is a subset of the second set of response represented by the second grammar.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35 wherein the second set of responses represented by the second grammar includes at least one response that is not included in the first set of response represented by the first grammar.

39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35 wherein the first set of responses represented by the first grammar and the second set of response represented by the second grammar have a subset of common responses.

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35 wherein the first grammar is representative of responses expected by the application and the second grammar is representative of a second set of responses that includes at least one response that is a synonym of at least one response in said first set of responses.

41. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35 wherein the first grammar is representative of responses expected by the application and the second grammar is representative of a second set of responses that includes at least one response that is not included in said first set of responses.

42. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 41 further comprising:

receiving the at least one response not included in the first set of responses; and

executing a function associated with the at least one response not included in the first set of responses.

43. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 42 further comprising: producing a resulting response including a response from the first set of responses; and sending the resulting response to the application.

44. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35 wherein the first grammar includes a first grammar type associated with a first speech recognizer based upon a first speech recognition paradigm and is modified to produce the second grammar which includes a second grammar type associated with a second speech recognizer based upon a second speech recognition paradigm which is different from the first speech recognition paradigm.

45.-63. (Canceled)

64. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the set of terms is representative of a numeric value.

65. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the set of terms is selected from the group including days of the week, months of the year and years.

66.-68. (Canceled)

69. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 further including a prompt generator configured to generate a prompt, wherein the grammar includes information representative of a first prompt and the processor is configured to modify the first prompt to create a second prompt, and the speech recognizer is configured to interpret the speech input as a function of the second prompt.

70. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 69 wherein the grammar includes information representative of an account number, the at least one characteristic is an account number, and the second prompt represents a query asking for authorization to include the account number in the user selection.

71.-74 (Canceled)

75. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of providing a user interface comprising:
receiving a first grammar from an application, the first grammar including information representative of a first set of responses expected to be received by the application;
analyzing the first grammar prior to receiving the first set of responses to identify a characteristic;
selecting a response to be sent to the application as a function of the characteristic, wherein the selected response is sent to the application without receiving input from a user.

76. (Canceled)

77. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 75 wherein the characteristic is indicative that the first grammar includes a set of terms.

78. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 77 wherein the set of terms is representative of a numeric value.

79. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 77 wherein the set of terms is selected from the group including days of the week, months of the year and years.

80.-81. (Canceled)

82. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 75 wherein the first grammar includes information representative of a prompt.

83. (Canceled)

84. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 75 wherein the first grammar includes information representative of a first prompt and the method further comprises

selecting a second prompt as a function of the characteristic and presenting the second prompt to the user.

85. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 84 further comprising presenting the first prompt to the user.

86. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 85 wherein the first grammar includes information representative of an account number, the response is a user account number, and the second prompt is a query asking the user for authorization to include the user account number in the response.

87. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 75 wherein selecting a response to be sent to the application as a function of the characteristic includes selecting a predefined response stored in a memory storage device.

88. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 75 wherein the selected response is associated with a user of the user interface.

89. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 75 further comprising receiving a second grammar from the application, analyzing the second grammar to identify a second characteristic, and selecting a second response to send to the application as a function of the second characteristic.

90.-133. (Canceled)

134. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said speech recognizer comprises a DTMF decoder that is capable of decoding Touch Tone signals that are generated by a telephone and can be used for data input.